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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/025,634

Group Art Unit: 1774

Filed: December 26, 2001

Examiner: Dawn L. Garrett

For: ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENCE DEVICE

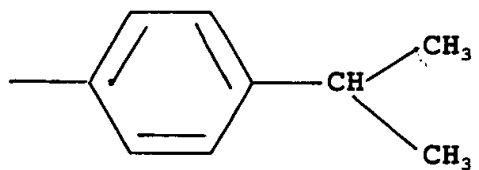
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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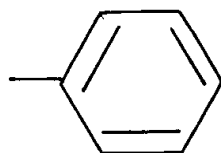
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, species 1a Compound (1) and species 2b Compound (5) for initial examination in this application. It is noted that the "compounds" identified by number in the requirement are actually general structural formulas. The Examiner requested an indication of an "ultimate species" of each of the selected species, which applicants take to mean stating a particular compound. In compliance therewith, applicants designate as an ultimate species of Compound (1) a compound of formula (10), see page 10, where R⁴¹ to R⁴⁸ are each a hydrogen atom,

Ar¹¹ and Ar¹⁴ are

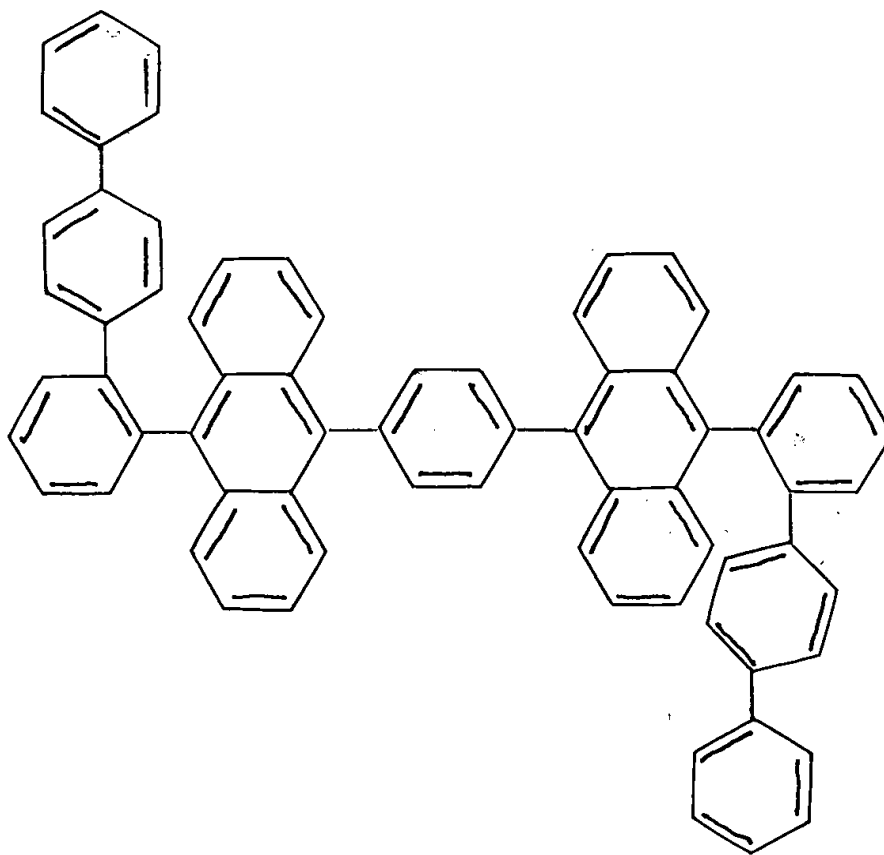


, and Ar¹² and Ar¹³ are



The designated ultimate species of Compound (5) is

a compound within formula (5-a) with the structure



Claims 1 to 6, 8, 11, and 13 to 18 read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse the election requirement since all of species 1 a-b and 2 a-d are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species 1a and 2b should necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for species 1b and 21, c, and d.

Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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